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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MINIMIZING NUMBER OF REFERENCE
PICTURES USED FOR INTER-CODING**

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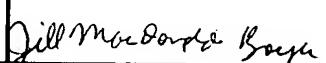
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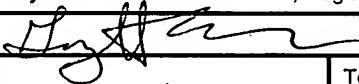
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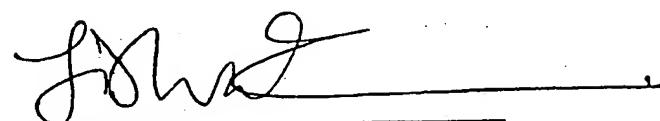
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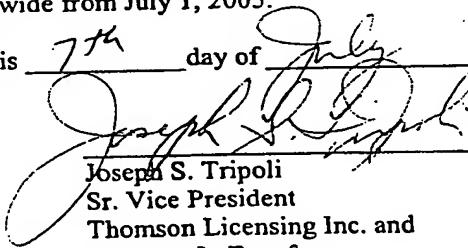
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